

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 - 14 and add new Claims 14 - 28 as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

- 1 - 14 (Canceled)
15. (New) A shelf base for a refrigerator;
 comprising a plate;
 lower retaining rails extending along a lower side of the plate for attachment
 for a support for holding chilled goods; and
 upper retaining rails for another support extend along the upper side of the
 plate.
16. (New) The shelf base according to claim 15, including said upper and lower
 retaining rails are arranged one above the other.
17. (New) The shelf base according to claim 15, including said upper and lower
 retaining rails are arranged in the direction of the holder of the shelf base in
 retaining means used for the refrigerator.
18. (New) The shelf base according to claim 15, including said upper retaining
 rails are connected at least at one of their ends to respectively one end of one
 of said lower retaining rails.
19. (New) The shelf base according to claim 15, including front ends of
 respectively one of said upper and one of said lower retaining rails are
 connected by a guide profile which spans the front edge of said plate and is
 displaceable along said front edge.
20. (New) The shelf base according to claim 18, including a plurality of clips
 interconnect all said upper and lower retaining rails.

22. (New) The shelf base according to claim 18, including at least one of said lower and said upper retaining rails are open at their rear ends.
23. (New) The shelf base according to claim 21 including an upwardly projecting projection formed at the front end of a bearing surface of at least one of said lower rails.
24. (New) The shelf base according to claim 18, including one of a shell or a bottle holder is mounted in said lower retaining rails as a support.
25. (New) The shelf base to claim 18, including a support for drinks cans mounted in said upper retaining rails.
26. (New) The shelf base according to claim 25, including said support for drinks cans includes a base plate substantially parallel to said plate and includes ribs provided with indentations projecting from said base plate.
27. (New) The shelf base according to claim 15, including an egg holder mounted in one of said upper or lower retaining rails.
28. (New) The shelf base according to claim 27, including said egg holder includes a perforated base plate, a pair of side flanks bent away from said perforated base plate and webs which project from said side flanks and engage in said retaining rails.